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SUBJECT: FRG PRESS COVERAGE OF MARTINIQUE SUMMIT

SUMMARY: FRG PRESS COMMENTARIES RE MARTINIQUE SUMMIT WERE DECIDELY UP-BEAT, EMPHASIZING THE GOODWILL AND COMPROMISE WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE MEETINGS, AND EXPRESSING RELIEF THAT THE FEARED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE US ON ENERGY WAS AVOIDED. NON-ENERGY ISSUES RECEIVED LESS ATTENTION. END SUMMARY

1. FRG PRESS REPORTS ON THE RESULTS OF THE MARTINIQUE SUMMIT WERE CLEARLY POSITIVE. CONCENTRATING HEAVILY ON ENERGY ISSUES, FRG COMMENTATORS EMPHASIZED THE COMPROMISES ACHIEVED--ESPECIALLY RE THE US AND FRENCH
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APPROACHES TO A CONSUMER-PRODUCER ENERGY CONFERENCE.

MANY COMMENTATORS EXPRESSED QUOTE RELIEF UNQUOTE THAT A US-FRENCH CONFRONTATION ON ENERGY HAD BEEN AVOIDED COUPLED WITH SATISFACTION THAT MAJOR PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN BRIDGING THE HERETOFORE DIFFERING US AND FRENCH APPROACHES TO ENERGY ISSUES.

2. MOST ARTICLES REFERRED TO MUTUAL OR BALANCED COMPROMISES; HOWEVER, THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE FRENCH HAD APPARENTLY MADE THE GREATER CONCESSIONS, AND THAT THESE CONCESSIONS AMOUNTED TO A BASIC CHANGE IN FRENCH ENERGY POLICY-- PARTICULARLY RE A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FAZ EMPHASIZED THE "INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS" AMONG THE CONSUMERS WHICH ARE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE FULL CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE IS HELD.

3. FRG COMMENTARIES INCLUDED MENTION OF THE GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS DEVELOPED AT THE SUMMIT BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT GISCARD, AND THAT THIS WAS ANOTHER REASON TO BE MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT US-EC COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.

4. ONLY FLEETING, IF POSITIVE, REFERENCES WERE MADE TO NON-ENERGY SECTIONS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE (E.G., SAFEGUARDS, SALT, AND INDOCHINA).
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